

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Rivera, William Arauz

Group Art Unit: 3654

Re: Application of: Risto MAKINEN, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/018,702  
Filed: December 13, 2001  
For: A METHOD AND DEVICE IN A CONNECTION  
WITH A REEL-UP

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 16, 2004

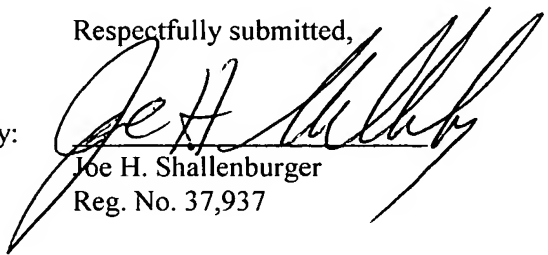
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003 for one month from December 16, 2003 to January 16, 2004.

The extension fee of \$110.00 is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

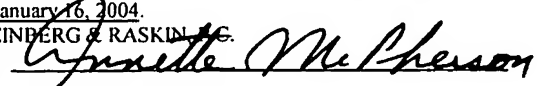
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